

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: HB 3193**79th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2017 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office**Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official**Prepared by: Nick Herrera  
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Date: 4/13/2017**Measure Description:**

Repeals Department of State Lands leasing requirements for kelp harvesting.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of State Lands, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:** Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

	<b>2017-19 Biennium</b>	<b>2019-21 Biennium</b>
General Fund	\$87,649	
Other Funds	303,285	334,382
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$390,934</b>	<b>\$334,382</b>
Positions	3	2
FTE	2.00	2.00

**Analysis:**

HB 3193 requires the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to adopt, by rule, a program for granting permits for small-scale commercial hand harvests of seaweed. Additionally, the bill allows ODFW to adopt a schedule of fees for the issuance of permits, and authorizes ODFW to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Department of State Lands (DSL) and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) for the purposes of issuing permits for seaweed harvesting on lands under the jurisdiction of DSL and OPRD.

ODFW has indicated that 3 new positions (2.00 FTE) would be required for implementation of the permit program, permit issuance, and program oversight, in the 2017-19 biennium. These positions include an Experimental Biology Aide, a Natural Resource Specialist 2 (NRS2), and Natural Resource Specialist 3 (NRS3). Personal Services costs in the 2017-19 biennium are estimated to be \$87,649 of General Fund to support the NRS 3 as startup costs for the program, and \$198,285 in Other Funds to support the Experimental Biology Aid and NRS 2, after the program has become operational. Services and Supplies costs in the 2017-19 biennium are estimated to be \$105,000. The Experimental Biology Aide and NR2 will continue the management and oversight of the permit program into the 2019-21 biennium (2.00 FTE). Personal Services costs for the 2019-21 biennium are estimated to be \$264,382 in Other Funds. Services and Supplies costs for the 2019-21 biennium are estimated to be \$70,000.

ODFW has indicated that information technology (IT) changes will be required to existing agency systems. These changes are anticipated to be absorbable within existing agency resources, should implementation of the program take place in mid to late 2018. If implementation of the program is to occur sooner, additional funds will be required to hire contracted IT support to make the necessary changes.

Revenue generated from the proposed fee schedule is indeterminate. However, ODFW has indicated that should fees be set similar to commercial fishing and fishery permits, biennial revenue is likely to be minimal.

The bill is expected to have a minimal impact to the Department of State Lands, and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.